

## **TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT FOR THE BALTIMORE REGION (TIMBR)**

December 6, 2017

SHA State Highway Administration Office of Maintenance Training Room

10 A.M. to 12 P.M.

### **MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Eileen Singleton.

#### **Handout: Agenda and Meeting Presentation**

#### **1. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The September 9, 2017 minutes will be sent for review.

#### **2. TIM TRAINING AND TIM TRAINER WORKSHOP UPDATES**

##### **TIM TRAINING UPDATE**

The TIM Trainer Workshop will be held on December 7, 2017, from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute. The meeting is targeted to trainers to help increase the number of incident responders trained. Currently about 24% of the incident responders in Maryland have taken the SHRP 2 TIM training Class.

Many people have been trained in Maryland to teach the course, but there are not enough trainers engaged. Many of the people trained have not taught the class. The workshop is designed to discuss how more responders can be trained and let the trainers know resources available to them. The workshop will also show the status of who has been trained broken down by discipline and by region.

#### **3. STATE AND LOCAL TIM UPDATES**

##### **TOWING - INCENTIVE TOW PROGRAM AND MSP COORDINATION WITH TOWING**

Maryland State Police is currently working with Towing and Recovery Professionals of Maryland to revamp towing policy. They are working together to revise regulations. There is discussion on having more controls in place and identify how towers will be held accountable.

MDOT SHA is doing a best practice study on heavy duty recovery programs. The policy goal is to have a qualified list of towers (based on a set MDOT SHA criteria). The list would then be used by law

enforcement. MDOT SHA would have incentives for the towers to clear the heavy-duty incidents more quickly.

### **AUTOMATED CRASH RECORDING SYSTEM (ACRS) UPDATE**

A box for secondary incidents has been included in the ACRS long form. The next update to the ACRS system may take some time. Currently training to ensure data accuracy is top priority. It is important for police to understand the importance of identifying secondary crashes. It is desired to add lane closure time to the next update of the crash form as well as moving the secondary crash item in a more prominent place on the crash form.

### **UNATTENDED VEHICLE POLICY SHIFT, CLEAR THE ROAD REVISION**

CHART will start tagging unattended vehicles after 24-48 hours to help MSP clear the road more quickly; they will both use the same vehicle sticker. The goal is to decrease the amount of time a car is on the side of the road.

### **POTENTIAL FOR TIM HOLD HARMLESS LEGISLATION**

Virginia has pending towing policy and a hold harmless policy. The hold harmless policy is to protect towing, police, and DOT against liability related to damage incurred to a vehicle from moving it from a crash scene.

### **REVIEW OF FUNERAL COORDINATION – LESSONS LEARNED, FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES**

A Line of Duty Funeral for a police detective was held the week after Thanksgiving. The procession required multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional coordination. Baltimore County took the lead on the procession, which went from East Baltimore to Timonium. The coordination occurred during the Holiday weekend. The total procession consisted of over 680 vehicles.

I-695 was used for the funeral procession and an emergency access gate was opened to allow access to the interstate. To reduce the conflict on I-695, the tolls on the express toll lanes (ETL) were lifted, and traffic was directed to use the ETL lanes. This effort was successful and kept conflicts and delays at a minimum.

Overall, the procession went well. A pre-event message was distributed and the media was clear on when and where the funeral was being held. Large vehicles like fire trucks were not in the funeral procession; however, they were on the side of the roads and on overpasses, which worked well. The Funeral procession contact list was used and was a valuable resource for the coordination effort.

Some suggestions were proposed to streamline the process while making sure the family feels respected:

- One agency be identified as the lead and create IAP that is supported by multiple agencies.

- Have a funeral procession liaison and family liaison look at the location for the funeral that can host the expected number of funeral attendees and can safely get to the burial location.
- Have an honor guard procession liaison
  - Procession lead provide briefing to the honor guard to make sure that the people that are part of the honor guard procession and the honor guard know where to set up.
  - Provide flyers with the directions to the cemetery.
  - Identify a place to stage the honor guard.
- There were several channels of communication and the command post needs to make sure that all channels are monitored.
- Chatter on the channels should be kept to a minimum. The procession leads and ends should typically initiate discussion.

### **OVERVIEW OF TIM AWARENESS WEEK ACTIVITIES, NOVEMBER 13 – 17, 2017**

During TIM Awareness Week, the state emphasized highway safety, the Move Over law, and incident response. On November 15, MDTA provided a demonstration of uprighting a box truck at the I-95 rest area just north of MD 32. There were several speakers from various agencies stressing the important of highway safety. TIM Awareness Week will be an annual federal event.

### **RECENT AND UPCOMING PLANNED AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE WINTER SEASON**

The snow season has started in District 6. There are about a dozen heavy towing companies under contract to tow vehicles from the road if a storm is coming and a storm emergency has been enacted.

### **END TREATMENT CRASH**

There has been some recent attention on the end treatments of guardrails. There have been many national incidents that involved end treatments impaling crash victims. New treatments are being proposed and studies are being conducted to show how they work.

### **UPDATE ON TIM RESOLUTION**

The Sheriff Association and Maryland Police Chiefs Association have signed the resolution. The Fire Chiefs Association and Maryland State Fire Associations are still reviewing the resolution. Ms.

Singleton said that the TIM Resolution would be signed by the elected officials at the January meeting of the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board.

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

CHART has assisted over 1 million motorists since it began in 1989. In 2016, CHART saved motorists \$1.51 billion.

Next meetings:

- March 15, 2018
- June 6, 2018
- September 5, 2018
- December 5, 2018

The meeting adjourned at 12 P.M.

#### **ATTENDEES**

##### ***Members***

Nirajan Aryal, Baltimore City  
Keith Autry, Maryland Transportation Authority  
T.J. Bathras, Maryland Transportation Authority  
Norvel Cooksey, State Highway Administration – CHART  
Mark Crump, Baltimore Co. Police  
John Dulina, Maryland Emergency Management Agency  
Eric Fogle, State Highway Administration - CHART  
Eugene Hampton, Maryland Transportation Authority  
Mark Harris, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Tanya King, Daniel Consultants, Inc.  
Michael Lane, Harford Co Sheriff  
Chris Letnaunchyn, Carroll Co Dept of Public Works  
Amanda Moran, Maryland Transportation Authority  
Patty Murawski, State Highway Administration – CHART  
Patrick Rooney, State Highway Administration – CHART  
Jonathan Trentzsch, Baltimore Co Police  
Todd Walker, Baltimore Co Police Dept  
Alan Williams, Maryland Dept of the Environment  
Scott Yinger, State Highway Administration – CHART

##### ***Staff***

Eileen Singleton – Baltimore Metropolitan Council